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**Subject:** Call to Dr. Sullivan at NOAA

Gina:

As you will recall from our meeting with Governor Brown, we indicated we would weigh in with NOAA if needed to give the State of Oregon some flexibility in timing any suspension of funding to Oregon as they work through funding issues over the next few weeks. Yesterday Will Stelle and I had a good call with NOAA's DC CZARA staff on their grant funding deadlines. They had indicated to Oregon that if we didn't have a letter from Oregon making commitments to work with us to resolve CZARA gaps by May 19 they would suspend 30% of Oregon's NOAA CZARA related funding. Will and I have spoken with Richard Whitman and Dick Pedersen and they will try to have a general letter indicating their desire to work with us but it will not be highly specific as yet. We then plan to respond with a joint letter to Oregon that is more specific on how to close the gaps in their forestry program. We got buy-in to this approach on the phone call with NOAA's DC folks but Will sent me a note this afternoon suggesting you call Dr. Sullivan to let him know you got a good verbal commitment from the Governor and a request for a few weeks to get their legislative funding through.

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Let me know if this works for you and thanks.

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